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Long Beach planners must realize that this airport was NOT designed and built to

handle the planes it does today; rather, this was to be a small regional airport, with

limited air traffic volume. Not so nowadays.

The city council and the other planners simply focus on expansion of facilities

and increased flights, and they do so without regard for the communities around

the airport and the greater Long Beach "community." Do our leaders want the area

around our airport to become like the area surrounding LAX?? Apparently so. Every

butt covering those Long Beach council chair cushions since Ernie Kell was mayor,

has pushed for airport expansion. The citizens want modernization---NOT expansion.

How many times do the residents of Long Beach have to repeat this? Will the making

of LGB into LAX be the legacy of this city council? If so, then let's be sure to have

Mayor O'Neill's name etched into each runway and building, along with the names $\,$

of the council members.

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